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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 114-116 Jefferson Street, Washington, Franklin County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1850s by Augustus W. Kreuger. Kreuger (b. Denmark? 1802, d. September 1871 near Hamburg, Germany) and his youngest brother Adolphus Kreuger, came from Hamburg to Washington with the Geissen Society in 1834. First bought farm land, then bought lots in Washington and A.W. Kreuger started a drug store at the foot of Jefferson Street. In 1849, he "bought lot 59 in block 14 of the original town of Washington, and in the 1850s built the large brick structure which still stands." Kreuger operated a drug store and book and stationery store here, and was postmaster (December 14, 1860 to June 3, 1864). Later his wife ran a girls' school in this building. Died in Germany during a visit to his homeland, and his wife died in Washington on January 12, 1892.

The house is of three stories with a basement. The foundation is stone, the walls brick, and the facade was originally stuccoed. The roof is of sheet metal. Of the original casement windows, only those on the third floor in the facade remain, and those in the rear of the house. The main entrance was originally on the facade and in the middle of the present first floor windows. When the street grade was lowered additional steps were added to the entrance. Later the door was made into a window. The stepped gable was originally ornamented with "Four decorative columns and an ornate support for the columns." The first floor rooms, opening from the street entrance, were originally intended to serve as shops, and the stairway leading to the upper floors is located in the rear of the house.

Present owner is Norbert Jasper, W. Second Street, Washington.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Ralph Gregory, "Historical Sites Series. Kreuger Building on Jefferson Street Dates Back to the 1850s," The Washington Citizen, January 13, 1964.
Eleanor B. McClure, "Early History of Washington, Missouri," 1939.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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